

REMARKS

The first paragraph of the specification has been rewritten to make clear the relationship of the present application to related applications.

The Title, "Field of the Invention" and "Abstract of the Invention" have each been amended to more clearly present the subject matter for which applicant seeks patent protection.

Claims 1-24 of application serial number 08/704,159, filed August 28, 1996 (which is the original related application) have been canceled, without prejudice. News 25 to 38 have been added and recite embodiments for which applicant seeks patent protection. Claims 25 to 38 are directed to the non-elected invention represented by the Group II claims in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/271,012.

The amendments to the specification and the news are fully supported by the prior application as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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